

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 081291

61

ORIGIN PM-04

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /005 R

DRAFTED BY: PM/ISO:GTCHURCHILL

APPROVED BY: PM/ISO:GTCHURCHILL

----- 061269

R 051245Z APR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO CINCEUR

CINCUSAFE

CINCUSNAVEUR

CINCUSAREUR

USDOCOC SOUTH

CINCLANT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 081291

FOR POLADS

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO COMMANDER AFRC GARMISCH ANAKARA NIC

OSIA

FROM AMEMBASSY ATHENS DTD 30 MAR 1976 DTG O P 301437Z MAR 76

QTE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATHENS 2982

GARMISCH FOR AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR TU GR

SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO US-TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT

REF: ATHENS 2940

1. IN ITS LEAD, FRONT-PAGE STORY MAR 30, TO VIMA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) HEADLINES "AFTER THE BILLION (DOLLARS) TO THE TURKS, GREECE BREAKS OFF TALKS ABOUT US BASES: THE GOVERNMENT RECALLS THE GREEK MISSION FROM WASHINGTON".

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 081291

THE REPORT, DATED WASHINGTON, MARCH 29, STATES THAT THE

TALKS IN WASHINGTON ABOUT AMERICAN BASES IN GREECE HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF AND THE MISSION HEADED BY AMBASSADOR COLOGERAS RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE US-TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT. THE STORY CONTINUES THAT THE GOG WAS WAITING TO LEARN THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO REEXAMINE THE BASIS ON WHICH IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US. IT ALSO NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT REFUSAL BY THE CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WOULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO US-TURKISH RELATIONS.

2. KATHIMERINI (PRO-GOVT) IN A FRONT PAGE STORY BASED ON "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" IN ATHENS, CLAIMS THAT THE US-TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT DEALT A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE CLIMATE OF "SOME UNDERSTANDING" WHICH HAD BEGUN TO BE RESTORED BETWEEN ATHENS AND WASHINGTON. ENTITLED "DELIBERATE UPSETTING OF THE BALANCE OF ARMS: COMPLETE NEW SITUATION CREATED FOR GREECE BY THE US-TURKISH 'AGREEMENT'", THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THERE IS ALREADY TALK IN ANAKARA ABOUT UPSETTING THE BALANCE OF POWER (IN THE AREA). ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE QUESTION OF "RENT" FOR TURKEY HAS ALREADY PROVOKED STRONG REACTIONS IN WASHINGTON AND TURKEY WHERE IT IS ALSO DIRECTLY LINKED TO GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY IN CONGRESS AND ADVERSE REACTIONS TO THE TURKISH AGREEMENT ON THE HILL.

3. REPORTS IN THE OTHER MORNING NEWSPAPERS ARE LIMITED TO CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT OR EDITORIAL COMMENT. COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS WRITES THAT THOSE WHO ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH THE SUPPOSED LARGER MILITARY AID DESTINED FOR GREECE NOW LOOKED FOOLISH. PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE POSSIBLE REACTION OF THE TURKS WHO ARE APPARENTLY BLINDLY SUPPORTED BY WASHINGTON. IT CALLS UPON THE GOG TO STAND UP AND EXPLAIN CLEARLY TO THE US GREECE'S POSITION AND CONCERNS. ETHINIKOS KIRYX APPEALED FOR THE US TO OFFER GREECE GUARANTEES AGAINST TURKISH AGGRESSIVENESS.

4. ALL SIX AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS PICK UP THE REPORT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 081291

THE TALKS IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND THE GREEK DELEGATION RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS, MOSTLY IN STORIES DATED IN WASHINGTON. THE ALSO REPORT THAT THE US-TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF 12-14 F-4S PHANTOMS TO TURKEY. VRADYNI (PRO-GOVERNMENT) ALSO REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION, THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING US BASES IN GREECE WILL BE PUT ON A NEW BASIS IF THE CONGRESS

APPROVES THE US-TURKISH AGREEMENT. STEARNS UNQTE KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MILITARY AGREEMENTS, NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY BASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE081291
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PM/ISO:GTCHURCHILL
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760128-0276
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760496/aaaademmm.tel
Line Count: 116
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN PM
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 ATHENS 2940
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 FEB 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 FEB 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <25 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO US-TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT
TAGS: SOPN, MARR, GR, TU, US
To: USCINCEUR MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006